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Sir:

Although the Filing Receipt now reflects that the application papers for the above-identified application were filed on December 24, 2003, the undersigned deposited them into the drop box at the Office of Initial Patent Examination on the afternoon of Friday, December 26, 2003. Unknown to the undersigned at the time of preparing the application papers for filing, the President of the U.S. (apparently on short notice) had given government workers a holiday on Friday, December 26, 2003. Thus, **the filing date that should have been accorded the application papers is the first working day following their deposit, which was Monday, December 29, 2003.**

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee for this petition. However, **it is respectfully requested that the petition fee be refunded to my Deposit Account No. 01-2509** on the basis that the error in accrediting the application a filing date of December 24, 2003, was clearly the fault of the PTO. The Patent Application Transmittal Form was dated December 26, 2003, and therefore it should have been apparent that the application papers were not filed on December 24, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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